

REMARKS

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 28-30 to recite a computer-readable medium, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant submits claims 28-30 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 11, 14, 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,380,783 issued to Chao et al. (*Chao*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,415,803 issued to Muoi (*Muoi*). Applicant submits claims 1-3, 11, 14, 25 and 27 are not obvious for at least the reasons set forth below.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6. Therefore, Applicant submits claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 11 and 14 depend from claim 1. Given that dependent claims necessarily include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicant submits claims 2, 3, 11 and 14 are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Independent Claim 25

Claim 25 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 26. Therefore, Applicant submits claim 25 is condition for allowance. Further, Applicant submits claim 27 is allowable for at least the same reasons claim 25 is allowable.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 17, 18 and 20-24. Claims 4-10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 6 and 26 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection of these claims is moot. Claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 depend from claim 1. As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6 and is in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 are likewise allowable given their dependence from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth above, Applicant submits that claims 1-5, 7-18 and 20-25 and 27-30 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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